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Re Application of: Mitsuo SHIBUTANI

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For: DISPERSING AGENT COMPRISING VINYL ALCOHOL POLYMER
HAVING CONJUGATED DOUBLE BONDS IN ITS MOLECULE

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Applicant submits herewith references of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and which they may have a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

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Also enclosed is a Form PTO/1449 listing the references enclosed.

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